

Homecoming 2009: Pep Rally, Carnival, and Talib Kweli Concert



Above: Talib Kweli rapped for students in Lee Hall at the Homecoming concert Saturday night in Dodd Auditorium.



Counterclockwise from left: junior Amanda MacQueen on the trampoline at the carnival on Friday; students participating in the hot dog eating contest at the Pep Rally on Wednesday; students help Dining Services employees cook burgers and hot dogs at the carnival on Friday.



Over 70 Suspected H1N1 Flu Cases

By SUSANNAH CLARK
Staff Writer

The Health Center has confirmed over 70 cases of H1N1-flu-like symptoms on campus, many of which were confirmed on Monday and Tuesday, according to Douglas Searcy, vice president for student affairs.

Searcy is on the Emergency Management Team, a group of administrators appointed by President Judy Hample to address the University's response to the H1N1 outbreak. The group met yesterday afternoon to discuss the administration's plan of action.

According to Searcy, the Health Center experienced a dramatic increase in student visitors on Monday and Tuesday.

"Prior to these past two days, H1N1 cases have been sporadic," Searcy said on Tuesday evening. "Yesterday and today, however, the health center treated over twice as many students as normal."

Symptoms of H1N1 include fever,

cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

Thomas Riley, university physician and director of the Health Center told the *Bullet* in September that when the Health Center confirms these symptoms, "it is 97 percent likely" that the student has H1N1 flu.

Searcy urged students to continue to take the precautions laid out by the University.

"Keep using hand sanitizer, wash your hands with soap, and make sure to self-isolate when you're feeling sick," Searcy said. "If symptoms persist or you experience shortness of breath, you should seek additional medical treatment."

The administration plans to send out an e-mail to all students and faculty with more information about the flu-like cases some time in the next few days.

Hample Will Not be Charged in Safety Walk False Report

University of Mary Washington police said they have decided not to charge President Judy Hample for posing as a student being attacked during the annual Safety Walk on Sept. 30.

When Hample pressed the "blue light" button during a regular Safety Walk around campus, the University Police did not have any prior knowledge of the test. As a result, according to police records, Hample technically filed a "false report," which violates the Code of Virginia 18.2-461.

"As President of the University, I am ultimately responsible for the safety and welfare of our campuses," Hample said in a statement to the *Bullet*. "In my official capacity, I was testing the blue light system, which had failed in a previous safety walk."

The University Police decided not to charge the president, according to police records.

"This caused a serious risky potential hazard to the campus community," Executive Director of Police and Security Services Mark Sandor said. "We responded as a real emergency."

On the Wednesday evening that Hample did the safety test, police, thinking the call was real, sent two cars to the area.

"Police units on College Avenue went 45 mph in opposite [traffic] lanes," Sandor said.

Meanwhile, police "were engaging in a controlled sweep of the area on foot and by vehicle," said Susan Knick, assistant vice president for public safety and community support services.

"We would have taken [the assailant] down at gunpoint," Sandor said.

As reported in the *Bullet* on Oct. 8, police took about six minutes to arrive when President Hample tested

the blue light, pretending to be a student being harassed by a strange man.

Knick warned against "testing" the blue lights on campus when there isn't an emergency. The six minutes were from the time Hample pressed the button to the moment an officer arrived.

"It is a Class 1 Misdemeanor offense in Virginia to falsely summon or give false reports to law-enforcement officials," she said.

"Public safety should not be jeopardized," Sandor said.

After meeting with Knick and the dispatcher who answered the blue light call during the test, Hample said she plans to form a presidential task force to review emergency response systems and procedures.

—compiled by *Bullet* staff reporters.

Deeds Rallies Students, Unions at UMW

By ERIC STEIGLEDER
and HEATHER BRADY
Staff Writers

An impassioned Creigh Deeds warned against complacency on Saturday at a Democratic rally in Lee Hall, emphasizing to the *Bullet* that students should care about the election and about state politics in general.

"...it's their future," Deeds, the Democratic candidate for governor of Virginia, said. "They should care because they gotta have a Virginia where they have jobs that they can go to once they finish school...They should care because they're in the system of higher education right now so they have a future here."

Steve Shannon, the Democratic candidate for attorney general, also spoke at the rally. He told the *Bullet* afterwards that he was concerned with on-campus safety and

with the ability of students to become employed after graduation.

"The safety of our citizens is the most important thing the government needs to work on and it's my job to make sure that our students are safe on campus," Shannon said.

"I'm going to work very closely with our Boards of Visitors, our university presidents [and] our community college presidents, not only to make sure that our campuses are safe, but also to make sure that we are attracting companies to Virginia so that we can have good jobs for our students when they graduate," he added. "That's really a key role for the next attorney general."

Deeds focused his speech on the rising cost of college tuition, a big concern for current and potential university students. He said he wants to increase the size of tuition assistance grants, which give aid to undergraduate and graduate stu-

dents attending private colleges in Virginia.

He also outlined his plan for the creation of the Virginia Ford Scholarship, available to students at public colleges and universities in Virginia.

"If you have a 'B' average in high school and you'll commit to two years of public service after you're finished with college the state will pay you a scholarship for 50 percent of your tuition," he said in his speech. "It gives more people the opportunity to be educated, and it gets people on the path of public service."

In addition, Deeds told the *Bullet* that he plans to invest heavily in other forms of financial aid and in keeping tuition costs low.

"We're also going to put \$40 million additional each year into

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Courtesy of Christina Giaino

From left: sophomore Moira Rose Barry, junior Audrey Westmoreland, senior Christina Giaino, senior Jonathan Shields, gubernatorial Democratic candidate Creigh Deeds, junior Ryan Gallasch, senior Matt Connelly, senior Nti Aning.



By JESSICA MASULLI
Staff Writer

Oct. 7- It was reported that a UMW parking decal was stolen from a student's car. The student was not sure whether the decal was stolen off-campus or in the Marshall parking lot Sunday night. The corner of the decal sticker had been peeling off, but the decal would not have fallen off. The decal is worth \$200.

Oct. 7- Between 9:20 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 6, cash register money from Seacobeck Hall was stolen. The money had been placed in an employee's office. Approximately \$130 was later recovered. The employee who found the money claimed to have found it in the bathroom.

Oct. 9- At 5 p.m., students alerted campus police to four people that were selling magazines outside Jefferson Hall. The sellers did not have a permit to be on campus or a business permit in Fredericksburg. They were given trespass warnings. Police believe that the sellers will honor all subscriptions sold to students.

Oct. 15- In Jefferson Hall, an unknown suspect wrote in magic marker in the stairwell. The vandalism said, "Stomp Loudly and Wake Jeff the Jefferson Hall Dragon."

Oct. 17- At 4:25 p.m., a male that was at the Battlegrounds parking lot for Homecoming, was arrested. The male had been drinking and was in the process of urinating in public. The officer arrested him for drunk in public, but the man resisted arrest. He then assaulted the police officer by pushing him away and running. The male was caught by police off-campus and was arrested.

Oct. 19- At 3 p.m., it was reported that a parking decal was stolen from a pick-up truck at the Apartments. The decal is worth \$200. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 19- At 4 p.m., it was reported that a student grabbed a book and ran from the Bookstore in Lee Hall. The student was

found and identified. The UMW Bookstore can decide to prosecute for shoplifting. The case may go to Honor Council depending on the decision of the Bookstore.

Oct. 19- At 3:15 p.m., two employees of the Eagle's Nest got into a fight. The fight did not occur in the presence of a police officer and thus, the employees cannot be arrested.

Oct. 19- At 6:50 p.m., it was reported that someone had vandalized the elevator door in Russell Hall with a black pen.

Oct. 19- At 11:16 p.m., campus police found that a padlock had been tampered with on the north stairwell in George Washington Hall. It seems that the person was trying to gain access to the roof. A work order was submitted to fix the padlock.

This information was compiled with help from
Executive Director of Police and Security Services Mark Sandor.

New Admissions Position Combines Multiple Roles

By EMMA MAX
Staff Writer

Dean of Enrollment and Student Services Martin Wilder is heading a new Student Services division, combining many of the offices in Lee Hall.

Wilder was the vice president for enrollment, but his new position will encompass more. This administrative change is part of President Hampe's goal to make Mary Washington a more student-centered institution.

Financial aid, the registrar, academic services, advising and support, career services and disability services are now all under Wilder in Lee Hall.

In addition to the cohesion of Student Services, the admissions department is currently undergoing a search for a new Dean of Admissions. This division of power is intended to enhance customer service to the students.

The new Dean of Admissions will focus on bringing in students, scholarships and the initial impressions on potential students.

Wilder will now be focusing his attention on students who are already here. Making an easy and seamless transition from "the cradle to the grave," said Wilder.

By having all of the departments together in one building, they are working to omit the "campus runaround" often associated with the administration according to Wilder.

Problems that before would have taken days to be resolved going from building to building, are now taken care in one location.

"[The new offices] feel effective because they feel like the ticket booths at Kings Dominion. They are simple, easy and fast," junior Chris Donaher said.

The offices in Lee Hall now have more space to work and easier communication between offices.

"The people are nice and very helpful. It actually looks like a real university," sophomore Andi Castro said.

With over 30 years spent working at Mary Washington, Wilder has experience. Since 1979, Wilder has worked in many enrollment positions at UMW. Prior to UMW, he worked for the Stafford County Public Schools in the guidance department, according to the UMW website.

Wilder has three daughters, one of whom



Marie Nicola/Bullet

Martin Wilder, Dean of Enrollment and Student Services

is a freshman at Mary Washington.

"I know the good, bad and otherwise," said Wilder.

Budget Cuts Prevent New Tenured Professor Positions

By SARAH SANDERS
Staff Writer

As result of a 15 percent budget cut from state funds, the UMW history department was recently denied permission to hire a tenured professor to replace Dr. William Crawley, who will be retiring at the end of this year.

These cuts have resulted in changes in staff hiring practices, rendering the university unable to grant the wishes of all departments in terms of the hiring of tenured professors.

The majority of money spent at the university is wrapped up in faculty salaries, Provost Jay Harper said, leading the university to begin looking at possible cuts in this area.

"With the budget cuts, the academic

affairs division was given targets on where to cut money," Harper said. "As provost, I decided where to cut."

This substantial proportion has been offset slightly by money received from the federal stimulus package, bringing budget cuts down to only eight percent, according to Harper.

"We won't be creating any new positions, and many vacant positions will be kept vacant," Harper said. "Most of the departments have been very understanding with our situation...we're not laying anyone off...everyone will continue to be employed."

Determining which positions will remain vacant in the departments has not been an easy task, Harper said. In making this decision, many different points must be considered, including the size

of the department, the number of majors available through the department and, most importantly, how easily quality adjuncts can be found. One of the larger departments at the university, the history department currently has 12 faculty members with 240 students who have declared to major in the area.

"It's not an ideal situation. We have a lot of majors...we want to give attention to the students...they come to UMW expecting attention and they deserve it," Jeffrey McClurken, chair of the department of history and American studies, said.

"All of the departments need people...we just had to go through and de-

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More Parking For Residents

By ERIC STEIGLEDER
Staff Writer

In accordance with a motion introduced by Student Senate, the first level of the student parking deck will now be reserved for residential students with yellow decals only. This change comes amidst continuing student concerns over UMW's parking policy.

This change to parking deck policy was first suggested to the Student Senate on Sept. 30 by the Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Community Support Services Susan Knick, following questions by student senators.

Knick had been invited by SGA Vice President Hassan Abdelhalim to speak to the Senate about current parking policy. Knick was also on hand to listen and respond to the other complaints and ideas of the legislative body.

According to Knick, if the Student Senate successfully brought forth a motion to change the first level of the parking deck to commuter students, an additional 82 spaces would become available.

Senior Senator Dahlia Ali, recently elected vice president of Senate, concurred with Knick's assessment.

"Why was the bottom of the level of the parking deck never changed to commuter students?" Ali asked. "It's never full, especially the bottom level."

Knick said that the initial reasoning was that so many commuter spaces were taken away as a result of construction, that the administration felt the commuters would need additional spots elsewhere.

"But that's why we're here," Knick said, "to offer a recommendation."

Knick's parking recommendation was later brought forth as an official motion by junior Senator Cara MacDonald, approved unanimously by the Student Senate, and passed by the SGA Executive Council.

"Parking is always an issue on this campus," Knick said. "And will always be an issue. We've had a rough year this year."

According to Knick, she has received a lot of questions this year from students regarding the possibility that parking decals had been oversold. And while Knick maintains the administration hasn't oversold decals, they are getting close.

Knick said that, as of Sept. 30, of the 279 parking decals available for students living in the university apartments, 257 had been sold, and of the 522 parking decals available for on-campus student, 516 have been sold.

Knick said that the administration has also converted 12 faculty spots on Sunken Road into student parking.

Sophomore Senator James Sennett, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, asked for clarification regarding the students living in West Village due to lack of on-campus housing. Sennett is one of the students that currently lives in the West Village complex.

"Now that we have the West Village Students," Sennett asked, "How do we have limited commuter parking privileges, and full residential parking privileges at the same time?"

Knick said that it was a matter of facilitating the later movement of West Village students into on-campus housing.

"You were given the yellow decals because you can imagine the logistical nightmare in giv-

Currently, according to the campus-wide e-mail sent out by the Office of Public Safety and Community Support Services, the fourth level of the parking deck is reserved for visitors and faculty/staff working in Goolrick Hall. Levels two and three are reserved for those with red decals on Mondays through Fridays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. From Friday at 5 p.m. until 7 a.m. the following Monday, the second and third levels are available to all students.

ing everyone commuter student decals," Knick answered, "Then bringing everyone in December to give them new residential decals."

Another issue that has been consistently raised in Student Senate is the status of student parking on College Avenue.

According to junior Senator Fez Casim, College Avenue isn't being satisfactorily monitored for people parking without commuter decals.

"Why is parking on College Avenue parking not being enforced to just commuter students?" Casim asked. "There are no stickers on the cars."

"I can't answer for every possibility," Knick responded. "There are always going to be cars parked on College Avenue that don't have the stickers. But it's a city residence. Anyone can park there."

However, Knick also acknowledged the fact that students will always try to undermine the parking system.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Knick said she would take the Senate's requests and questions to the proper administrators, but was quick to point out she couldn't promise action on the part of the administration.

"Sometimes things that make sense to me don't make sense to the bigger world," she said.

Correction:

In the Staff Editorial published in the Oct. 8 edition of the *Bullet*, we were misleading in saying that several students have been denied a ride home from the Student Escort Service. In the two separate accounts relayed to the *Bullet*, each female student called the Escort Service and was told that she would have to wait at least 30 minutes before someone could pick her up. Both students were not denied service, they just felt unsafe waiting for a half hour alone at night, and chose to find another way home.

Viewpoints

UMW Employees Deserve Recognition for Enthusiasm

As much as we love to point our grubby, ink-stained fingers at various campus injustices, we here at the *Bullet* aren't above showering praise on deserving culprits of goodwill. Unlike faculty who receive feedback via rate-my-professors.com and administrators who receive feedback via six-figure salaries, other UMW employees often go without recognition of their commendable work. Granted, we don't have the space to mention every deserving employee here, but there are a few that have stood out to the *Bullet*.

Greg Render, who has been serving as the Post Office's Customer Service Associate for almost a year now, is one of the friendliest faces you're likely to see on Campus Walk. Sporting an easily distinguishable salt-and-pepper five o'clock shadow, Render sorts incoming packages, handles long lines at the Post Office and delivers mail to most of the university, with an enthusiastic affability that's contagious.

After swiping cards at Seacobeck for eight years, cashier Amber Lashlee has become something of a Mary Washington institution and is more than likely on a first-name basis with at least half of campus. Even after 16 semesters of handling never-ending lunch rushes, Lashlee still makes an effort to get to know students, greeting them with a smile and a refreshingly wry sense of humor.

Doris Jean Barnes, better known

among students and fellow employees as "Mama Jean," is just as much an institution at Seaco, where she's been whipping up everyone's favorite home-style pasta for the past three years. However, there's more to Mama Jean's awesomeness than merely a knack for making mouth-watering meatball rigatoni. As every student in the lengthy line that forms daily at the pasta station could probably tell you, "Mama Jean" really goes the extra mile to interact with students.

With a similar enthusiasm, Cashier Clara Clark has won the affection of many students

over in the Nest. On Friday afternoons last year, Clark was known to ring a bell for no other reason than simply announcing to everyone within hearing distance of the Nest that it was, in fact, Friday. A Nest stand-by for the last five years, Clark is one of the most vocally enthusiastic workers on campus, and the savior of many students who, when faced with horrendously long lines at lunch time, have had their wait cut in half by Clark opening up another line.

These outstandingly congenial employees aren't getting paid any more to give the student body a smile, much less a few kind words. As we progress through college and our lives become increasingly more selfish and career-driven, there's an important lesson to be learned here: it doesn't hurt to smile back.

Staff Editorial

Letters to the Editor:

Bullet Contains Relevant Issues but Could Use Some Fact Checking

Dear Editor:

I found the Oct. 8 edition of the *Bullet* to be one of the more mature and relevant issues I have read in five years here at UMW. It was full of useful and reasonably well researched information about safety, academics, and campus concerns. For this, I want to commend you. I am still not a fan of the off color opinion pieces on sex (these could use a maturity boost), but otherwise the paper seems to be making good strides.

Nonetheless, one item might have benefited from a fact check. In "Squirrel Sparks Power Outage," Ruth Lovelace states that electrocution by contact with power lines is "most likely the leading cause of death to squirrels in the Fredericksburg area." I am not an expert on the matter, but I suspect that cars, hawks, crows, and winter may perhaps be more significant factors in squirrel mortality rates.

Charlie Sharpless
Associate Professor of Chemistry

Students Are Not Denied Escorts

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to your editorial in last week's *Bullet* in which you stated that some students have reported that escorts were requested but never provided. I have two concerns with the fact that this statement was made. First, no one contacted Campus Police to ask what their experience was relative to this issue and, second, based on what has been reported to me, no student has ever been denied an escort. The only instance that might come close to being understood as a denial is when a student calls during daylight hours to request an escort and may be told that a campus police officer is willing to walk with them to their destination if they feel threatened. There have also been instances where an escort request was made but the student left where they were before the officer arrived. No one was ever denied an escort.

This is an important issue because, this year, more than any other time in my history here the escort service is being heavily used and promoted by everyone associated with campus safety. The last thing we need is a feeling among students or their families that the service doesn't work as advertised.

One final point. The escort service was established as a safety feature of the campus meaning it is designed to escort students who are frightened to walk to their destination for whatever reason. It is not a taxi service.

Rick Hurley
Executive Vice-president

McDonnell's Plans for Virginia Fictional and a Detriment to Virginia Taxpayers

BY JAMES MARTIN
Guest Columnist

Four years ago, Bob McDonnell was a delegate from Virginia Beach and was known for one thing: a radical social agenda. In fact, out of the hundreds of bills introduced by McDonnell in his time in the General Assembly, not one was to create a job or expand an educational opportunity. McDonnell is a graduate of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) School of Law (no, that's not a joke), which was founded by Pat Robertson who famously concurred with his colleague Jerry Falwell in his statement that 9/11 was caused by "abortionists, feminists, gays, lesbians, [and] the American Civil Liberties Union" (also not a joke).

McDonnell's record in the General Assembly was defined by attempts to ban abortion, remove legal protections for woman, and eliminate any semblance of gay rights in the Commonwealth. While attending CBN Law School, McDonnell articulated his core beliefs in a thesis called "The Republican Party's Vision for the Family." Among the things he said:

- "[W]hen the exercise of liberty takes the shape of pornography, drug abuse, or homosexuality, the government must restrain, punish, and deter."

- "Working women and feminists [are] ultimately detrimental to the family."

He went on to say that a Supreme Court decision legalizing contraception for married adults was "illegal." Needless to say, McDonnell holds views consistent with conservatives circa 1809, not 2009. So his consultants told him, "Bob, no one is going to vote for a candidate who has his head stuck in the 14th century... so let's not talk about social issues and instead try to convince peo-

ple that you have real ideas." I don't think even they understood the monster they were creating.

Watching Bob McDonnell campaign is a lot like watching the slickest of salesmen try to sell snake oil. He claims he will spend billions in transportation, higher education, and secondary education without cutting any services or raising any taxes. In fact, McDonnell has proposed \$20 billion in new spending... all money that will magically appear when he becomes governor. McDonnell has signed a No New Tax pledge, so he's pretty much hoping money starts to grow on the Dogwood trees outside the Governor's Mansion. McDonnell promises to perform this awe-inspiring miracle, yet provides nothing but rhetoric to back it up.

Here are some of McDonnell's plans for Virginia:

Higher Education: McDonnell says he will create 100,000 additional new degrees in the next 10 years and will pay for them by creating "efficiencies" (this word in the existing system (remember, no new taxes).

Yet, Virginia's colleges are already some of the most underfunded in the country and don't have nearly the capacity to accommodate the enrollment. For example, for every dollar Virginia contributes to Higher Education beyond tuition, North Carolina contributes two for their in-state students, California contributes three for theirs, and New Mexico contributes four.

So let's do the math. The state contributes roughly \$6,000 per in-state student a semester, times eight semesters, times 100,000 new students and you get \$4.8 billion. To save \$4.8 billion, you would have to completely shut the state's three biggest schools, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and George Mason University, for the next decade (their combined funding equals \$480 million a year). So that begs the question: Where are

the 100,000 new students going to attend college when the equivalent of UVA, VT, and GMU combined are shut?

Transportation: McDonnell says that through "efficiencies," diverting money from the general fund destined for Higher Education, and privatizing Virginia ABC stores, he can get Virginia moving again. Who knew it was so easy? Overall, McDonnell has pledged an additional \$1.5 billion a year for the next 10 years for transportation.

Privatizing ABC stores will generate a one-time payout of about \$500 million, but cost the state roughly \$100 million a year in lost revenue. So over 10 years the state actually loses \$500 million.

VDOT (the Virginia Department of Transportation) operates on-budget 93 percent of the time (up from 31 percent in 2002 when the last Republican Governor was in office) and has reduced the number of employees by 25 percent over the last eight years.

McDonnell would need to take out \$15.5 billion from the General Fund (money for Higher Education) to pay for transportation. To pay for just half of that, he would have to eliminate the Virginia Community College System, ODU, CNU, Longwood, William and Mary, JMU, Virginia State, Norfolk State, and our University of Mary Washington (where were those 100,000 new students going to go again?).

Jobs and the Economy: Bob McDonnell says he plans to double the size of the Governor's Opportunity Fund, which attracts new business to Virginia (McDonnell calls the program "vital"). Fact Check: Bob McDonnell voted (not once, not twice, but THREE times) to eliminate the program while in the General Assembly. His Democratic opponent Creigh Deeds wrote the bill that created the Governor's Opportunity Fund.

Call me old fashioned, but when a politician releases a plan, I expect it to at least meet the 2nd

grade math test (\$20 billion in new spending + no new taxes = \$20 billion hole and no new programs).

Also inconvenient for McDonnell and his no-tax pledge, we currently have one of the lowest spending levels in the country (much lower than our neighbors), and it's unconstitutional to run a budget deficit in Virginia, so he can't finance his programs that way. But the math doesn't matter; McDonnell's plans have no rational basis in fact and are almost too wild to be fiction. Their existence is meant to hide the wolf in sheep's clothing (the socially conservative fanatic in a problem solver's clothes) and to get McDonnell elected, not expand opportunity and get traffic moving again.

If his plans are bunk, what does his record suggest he will do as governor? Well Bob McDonnell said that working women were "detrimental to the family" and that women who worked outside the home were "selfish," and voted against a bill to provide Equal Pay for Women in 2001. He said government should enact policies to punish homosexuality (which he compared to drug use), voted twice to disallow gays and non-married couples to adopt children, championed the hateful Virginia Marriage Amendment in 2005 and 2006, said he wanted to ban birth control for married couples, introduced 35 bills to restrict a woman's right to choose, and never once introduced a bill to create a job or expand an educational opportunity.

How about you fill in the blank as to what kind of Governor Bob McDonnell will be?

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Viewpoints

Students Shouldn't Need Advertising to Avoid the Flu

BY HEATHER BRADY
News Editor

With the number of H1N1 cases at Mary Washington now surpassing 70 and with the national number of cases rising, it seems like a no-brainer that students would take hand washing more seriously.

According to an article published last month by the *Daily Nebraskan*, they don't.

The article cites a study by researchers from North Carolina State University and Kansas State University. They observed from a distance the use of hand sanitizer by students in a cafeteria of Ontario, Canada's University of Guelph during a norovirus outbreak in 2006.

The researchers found that only 17 percent of students actually used the sanitizers, even though 83 percent of students polled later said they regularly practice recommended hand hygiene procedures.

Douglas Powell, one of the co-authors of the study and an associate professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology at Kansas State University, said that the scientific jargon and polite euphemisms in hygiene safety ads are ineffective.

"It's boring," he said to the *Daily Nebraskan*. "Wash your damn hands, and this is why," is much

better. Whether or not people actually do it is their choice, but then you can say, 'At least I got their attention.'"

The H1N1 flu virus situation has steadily worsened at UMW. The Health Center has done its best to give instructions on how to avoid contracting the virus through a campus-wide email to UMW students.

University officials have also made sure that bottles of hand sanitizer are available in many public places around campus, including card-swiping stations at Seacobeck and at the checkout station in the Bookstore.

With all of this emphasis on health, and especially with the idea that hand hygiene is the most effective way to prevent getting sick, health professionals and administrators shouldn't have to attract students with advertising

campaigns to see results.

Students at the post-secondary level of education should be smart enough to be able to read a small list of bulleted points instructing them on how to avoid getting sick, and thus how to subsequently avoid falling behind in classes, thwart feeling miserable for a week or two and prevent spreading the virus to other students.

If students really need for someone to stoop to tasteless language to grab their attention and make them concerned for their own health, perhaps they deserve what they might get.

“Health professionals and administrators shouldn't have to attract students with advertising campaigns to see results.”

Lt. Governor Election Just as Important

By ANNA HALBROOKS-FULKES
Guest Columnist

With only a few weeks to go, elections have begun to gain the attention of more and more Virginians. The main focus is the showdown between Creigh Deeds and Bob McDonnell, but it is important that we don't lose sight of the other candidates running for office.

Most people can roughly explain what a governor does, but they aren't so clear on other offices. The Attorney General is the highest-ranking legal office in the state of Virginia and provides legal advice and interpretation for the Virginia Assembly and governor. The democratic candidate is Steve Shannon and the republican candidate is Ken Cucchinelli, who has a radical right-wing cultural agenda for the position.

The lieutenant governor's duties include breaking ties in the senate, attending meetings of state commissions and serving as governor, should the governor no longer be able to perform his (the only candidates are male) duties. It is the responsibility of the lieutenant governor to maintain relationships with decision-making commissions and boards by serving as a presence at meetings with these groups (the incumbent, Bill Bolling, was only present at 6 percent of these meetings).

As a college student who will soon be graduating and entering the workforce, Virginia's economy is an issue which will have especially grave weight when I cast my vote. Jody Wagner, the opposing candidate for lieutenant governor, will be an incredible asset, as one of six state wide candidates to have had hands-on experience with Virginia's budget. Under her leadership Virginia kept

its AAA credit rating and received several awards such as "Best managed State," "Best Place to Raise Children" and eight "Best State for Business" Awards. There is a reason Gov. Warner named her State Treasurer and Gov. Kaine named her his secretary of finance.

As a small business owner, she has the knowledge it takes to provide the leadership Virginia will need in order to grow its economy and her record shows it. She worked hard to balance Virginia's budget in times of financial crisis. Along with the Washington Post She has been endorsed by environmental groups like The Sierra Club and The League of Conservation Voters.

Especially telling is the fact that several republican leaders have endorsed her. The mayor of Virginia Beach, Will Sessoms, and Norfolk City Councilmen Barclay Winn and Randy Wright, all have publicly declared that he will be crossing party lines to vote for her because of her unique qualifications.

We will continue seeing the usual campaign push until Nov. 3, with Deeds and McDonnell right in the spot light. But let us not forget about the other candidates or take their positions lightly.

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Baking a Relief from Dreary Weather and School Stress

BY SARAH KELLY
Guest Columnist

Mid-way through the semester, we begin to perceive the drawbacks presented by the change in seasons. A cold chill pervades the air, accompanied by what seems to be an ever-present drizzle. It doesn't help matters that it is this time of year the workload looms ominously, along with constant worry and a case of the sniffles. A long way from the hope the holiday season presents, we drudge through the next few weeks carrying a vague feeling of sorrow. At times the only solution seems to be a retreat beneath the covers for a good wallow; while the wind blows frightfully without and the television crackles merrily within.

I find that when stress begins to overwhelm, a little bit of muddling about in the kitchen is exactly what I need to get me through the day. I'm all for the virtuosity of a yoga class, but one can only remain in downward dog for so long before getting a bit peckish.

I have included a recipe for banana bread that is bound to lift even the most despondent spirit. From the first stir of your wooden spoon, your anxiety will be placated. Upon the first bite of its sweet density, your blood pressure will decrease and your eyes will glaze over with contentment. That 46 percent on a biology exam will now be the last thing on your mind. The 12-page paper you have due for tomorrow will now be a breeze to complete. This comforting loaf is the embodiment of happiness and harmony.

This bread is rich and yet not overwhelming. Best of all, it is free of any perplexing raisins or walnuts that are forever weaseling their way into perfectly good sweets. It can be easily doubled if baking for a crowd. In fact I would suggest you take this route, for I find that within minutes of this loaf's materialization the appetites of friends and family have an uncanny way of making it disappear.

Ingredients:

1 cup all-purpose flour, slightly overfilled
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
2 large eggs
3 extremely ripe medium size bananas
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1/4 cup bourbon (OR another tablespoon vanilla) loaf pan, or 2 mini loaf pans

Set the oven to 375 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, first mash the bananas with a fork until there are no remaining lumps. I consider this to be the most stress-relieving part of the recipe. Next, put the butter in a microwave safe bowl. Place on high in the microwave for approximately 30 seconds or until melted. Pour the melted butter into the mixing bowl. Beat in the eggs, sugar, vanilla and bourbon with a wooden spoon until combined.

Mix in all the dry ingredients slowly until just combined. Be careful not to beat the batter for too long, however: this will lead to a toughening of bread. When your mixture is combined, first take a moment to resist consuming the uncooked batter. It will be tempting, but you must use restraint.

Spray the inside of the loaf pan with non-stick spray, and pour in the batter. If you do not have a loaf pan, foil pans are available at most grocery stores that are both affordable and convenient. Place in the oven for one hour. After this time, test to see if the bread is done by inserting a wooden toothpick. If the toothpick does not come out clean, leave to bake for 10 to 15 minutes longer. Remove from the oven and let cool. Cut into generous slices and serve.

I hope this recipe will serve you as well; I wish all of my readers a wonderful week and hope you may find comfort in baking in the midst of any dreariness.

Homecoming Reminds Us of UMW's Atypical School Spirit

It's the one weekend of the year where everyone wears the UMW hoodies they bought freshman year. The one weekend where students and alumni pretend like they regularly follow UMW athletics. The one weekend where it is perfectly acceptable to shotgun a beer for breakfast.

As alumni of all ages hogged all the parking spots on Hanover Street this Homecoming weekend, UMW pretended to be a typical university for 48 hours.

I get the sense that Homecoming at Mary Washington is less of a big deal than it is at other schools. Proportionally, the same amount of alcohol is probably consumed, but the reasons behind the intoxication might not be the same. Compared to Virginia Tech's "Hokie Fever" and UVA's Cavaliering Wa-hoos, school spirit at Mary Washington feels a little forced.

Is it because we don't have a football team? Technically our soccer team is supposed to fill the role of the dominating athletic force on this campus, but their social influence is hardly significant. UMW students just aren't that excited about being Eagles.

Morale has definitely improved in recent years. The Princeton Review ranked UMW third in "Least Happy Students" back in 2005, but we haven't cracked the top 20 since. Sure, most students don't HATE Mary Wash, but are they particularly passionate about it?

This year's gloomy weather didn't help the lack of spirit. This was my final Homecoming weekend as a college student, and I didn't even make it to the hyped soccer game. After a few too many mimosas at the brunch I hosted at my house, by 4 p.m. I was fast asleep on my living room couch, snoozing to the sound of pouring

rain.

When I woke up from my nap that evening, I felt slightly guilty for not braving the downpour to support my fellow Eagles. But after some hip-shaking and rumination at the Talib Kweli concert in Dodd Auditorium later on, I realized that one of the reasons why I love Mary Washington is that fact that people don't feel the need to obnoxiously flaunt their school spirit. The best way to show my UMW pride was by being my homebody-who-doesn't-enjoy-rowdy-sporting-events-self. That very self that is accepted and embraced by the Mary Washington community for not fitting the college-kid stereotype.

Maybe Mary Washington needs a Homecoming weekend. Because we don't have a football team, our colors are overused and our mascot is unoriginal, Homecoming is the one weekend of

the year where the subject of school pride even comes up. Homecoming weekend reminds us that school spirit doesn't come from blue face-paint and water bottles filled with vodka. Mary Washington pride can be seen in pick-up Frisbee games on Jefferson Square, guerrilla art exhibits showcased by the Nest and that bag-pipe player who practices loudly outside of Virginia Hall.

Next year, when I'm the alumna "coming home" and hogging parking spaces, I'm not going to be nostalgic for that one weekend of keg parties and wild sports games. I'm going to reminisce about bench-sitting on Campus Walk, midnight splashing in the Monroe Fountain and Nugget Night at Seaco.

I'd better go get my fill of those before I graduate.



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Entertainment



One Moore Liberal American Expose

By DAVID TINDELL
Staff Writer

Even since the late 1980s, Michael Moore has found himself sarcastically and ironically conflicted by the underlying consequences of the American way of life. So far, Moore has most notoriously challenged our 2nd Amendment culture in "Bowling for Columbine" (2002), our former president in "Fahrenheit 9/11" (2004), and our health-care system in "Sicko" (2007). As if his body of work hasn't pointed enough fingers at the right already, "Capitalism: A Love Story" (released Oct. 2) points one Moore at corporate America.

Despite the name, "Capitalism" fights the banking industry and confronts the current economic crisis more than the idea of capitalism. The initial thesis of the movie is nothing new to anyone who has watched MTV's "Cribs," VH1's "The Fabulous Life Of," or read an excerpt from *Forbes Magazine*. Most Americans have very little compared to the super rich. However, "Capitalism" gives this idea scope.

For example, the movie produces an internal Citibank report which agreeably states that the United States is a "plutonomy" (rule by the wealthy) where the top one percent (3 million) of the population controls more financial wealth than the bottom 95 percent (285 million).

In regards to style, "Capitalism" keeps to Moore tradition. Just like "Bowling for Columbine" and "Sicko," "Capitalism" begins with ordinary people getting their homes repossessed, followed by unashamed real estate agents who exclusively make profits on their foreclosures.

Michael Moore even cuts to his home movies again, showing his first family vacation to New York to see Wall Street. However, "Capitalism's" constant transitioning among interviews, reporting and polemic is less smooth than on either "Fahrenheit 9/11" or "Sicko."

"Capitalism" is the first time Moore throws religion in the political mix though. Moore brings up his own spiritual beliefs as a Catholic

to question whether Jesus would belong to a hedge fund or sell short. His conclusion, which seems to add a moral center of gravity to his idea, is that "you can't call yourself a capitalist and a Christian, because you cannot love your money and love your neighbor."

The least impressive development in "Capitalism" is the excessive emotional appeal Moore frequently uses. As effective as shots of crying children are to the sounds of a violin, Moore's attempts to manipulate audiences are more insulting than persuading. Audiences do need to understand the gravity of our capitalist catastrophe, but human-interest stories are only so effective. One reason that "Sicko" was considered politically ineffective was because Moore similarly gives too many stories and not enough facts.

Not to say that all the personal accounts are useless. One striking story involved judges who were bribed to send as many juvenile offenders as possible to detention centers, some for offenses as trivial as mocking an assistant principal on MySpace. To his credit, Moore also spent more time allowing public outbursts of frustration speak for themselves rather than allot excessive time intervening into the action like he did in "Sicko."

Additionally, "Capitalism" carries with it the same hard-hitting wit we should expect from Moore. He begins the movie with a thoughtful interpretation of our current state of despair next to the fall of ancient Rome. This leads to the big question, "What will our civilization be remembered for centuries after our demise?" Then Moore cuts to the proposal between funny cat videos or forced evictions resulting from the mortgage crisis. Moore's rhetorical devices both entertain and enlighten.

Moore ends the movie promising, "I refuse to live in a country like this, and I'm not leaving." No matter how the movie compares to their predecessors, "Capitalism: A Love Story" once again proves Michael Moore will never learn when to stop documenting the American nightmare.

Theatre Department Debuts 'Reckless'

By DAVID GALLAGHER
Staff Writer

Studio 115 at the UMW Theatre Department will begin their second play of the semester starting this Thursday, Oct. 22. "Reckless," by Craig Lucas, will run from Thursday to Sunday, with a total of six shows in the department's black box studio. Tickets to "Reckless" are free and distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis starting one hour before performances begin at the door of Studio 115, in the basement of duPont Hall.

According to the department press release, "Reckless" tells the story of Rachel, whose husband Tom reveals to her that he has hired an assassin to kill her. Rachel embarks upon a bizarre, madcap journey, encountering a few useless psychiatrists, appearing on a hit TV game show and befriending Lloyd and Pooty, a couple harboring some deep, dark secrets of their own.

Tara Lescault, a senior theatre major is directing "Reckless." Lescault has taken directing

classes at in the theatre department and been involved in other productions, but "Reckless" will be her directorial debut. "It's a black comedy," said Lescault. "There are some very very funny parts but also some parts that really make you think. It's about the American Dream. A family, kids, a nice home...and how that all can go wrong."

The play has a cast of ten actors, nine of which have worked together on other productions at UMW. Maggie Bausch, who plays the lead role, Rachel, described the show as a coming-of-age story revolving around her character. "Rachel lives in a fantasy world. She's very young, married young, had kids young. She never really had a chance to grow up."

"It's definitely thought provoking," said Lescault. The play examines how "the past is something you wake up from...but also something you wake up to." As worded in the text, "Life has been reckless to these people."

Studio 115 has a small capacity and will sell out quickly. Make sure to arrive early to purchase tickets.

Show times:
Thursday, Oct 22 at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 24 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct 25 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Go to 'Zombieland'

By COLLEEN TRACHY
Staff Writer

It's a combination that shouldn't work—one half comedy and one-half horror, iced with a story about finding family—but "Zombieland" does work, hilariously.

College loner Columbus (Jesse Eisenberg), has connected with no one his entire life, not even his parents. So when all things go to hell via a mutated version of mad cow disease, which has turned most of the human population into bone-chomping zombies, he heads from his school in Austin, Texas, in the only direction of what he thinks is home and where his parents live: Columbus, Ohio.

In Zombieland, which is what everyone calls the world now, Columbus has a set of rules of how he survives. Rules include cardio, always giving the double tap (shooting the zombie twice), limbering up (stretching before any type of strenuous activity), and remembering not to be a hero. He says that these rules of survival that he had practiced even before the outbreak are what have kept him alive so far.

While trying to get to Ohio, Columbus runs

into zombie killer Tallahassee (Woody Harrelson), who has an obsession with Twinkies and hadn't found anything he was good at until he started killing zombies. Tallahassee is the one who says they should use nicknames of the places they're from so that they don't get attached to one another. When Columbus and Tallahassee make a stop at a grocery store on a search for the last of the Twinkies, they run into the conniving sisters Wichita (Emma Stone) and Little Rock (Abigail Breslin), two other humans left on Earth.

The horror-comedy works because it mixes a family, road trip, and romance story with the horrific possibilities of a post-apocalyptic USA. Columbus' rules for surviving Zombieland are incorporated into the scenes and are occasionally destroyed or run over when the rules come into play. Overall, "Zombieland" is creepy and well done. Even people who like comedy, but hate zombie movies will like this movie. It's good that Sony Pictures released "Zombieland" now, so we can learn Columbus' survival techniques that can protect us from an inevitable zombie outbreak.

Cheap Seats Double-Take

Apatow's latest lacks 'Funny People'

By DAVID TINDELL
Staff Writer

"I'm trying to make a serious movie that is twice as funny as my other movies. Wish me luck," Apatow said in reference to his newest flick, "Funny People." Unfortunately, Apatow's third undertaking since comedic triumphs "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Knocked Up" doesn't deliver half of Apatow's past genius.

The movie follows the story of the successful comedian George Simmons (Adam Sandler) who has a depressing near-death experience and seeks Ira Wright (Seth Rogan) to help him write jokes and get his "act" back together. It's certainly Apatow's most mature movie, but definitely not his funniest.

Which isn't to say that the premise had no promise, but both audience and Sandler are forced to seek for comedy drowning in depression. Like visiting your relatives, the movie was enjoyable about 5 minutes out of every 45. Honestly, how much can we expect to laugh at a cynic with leukemia? Certainly not for 2 hours and 20 minutes (yes, the movie is that long).

Additionally, the love plots between George, Ira and Laura (Leslie Mann) severely weighed the movie down in romance drama. First, George won't tell Laura he's dying, then he tells her, then he doesn't tell her he is getting better—imagine a really bad episode of "Desperate Housewives" with uglier characters (Seth Rogan instead of Eva Longoria).

The laughs do roll in "Funny People," but

never for very long. The scene with Sandler and the doctor is funny but Sandler barraging him for his accent grows tiring quickly. The constant quips from Jonas Hill are also worthwhile, but sometimes seem out of place, particularly his railings on Harry Potter. Also the jokes spread throughout the dialogue are humorous, but even I grew weary of 146 minutes of penis jokes.

"Funny People" definitely utilized the art of cameos with—you guessed it—funny people. Sarah Silverman, Ray Romano and Dave Attell are only some of the comics who happen to appear in a movie about standup comedy. I will admit though—the confrontation between Eminem and Ray Romano was the funniest part of the movie.

Sandler movies have been losing gravitation since 2006's "Click" (not funny) up to 2008's "You Don't Mess with the Zohan" (stupid). With Apatow as director and writer, "Funny People" could have been a Sandler masterpiece, but, even as a whole-hearted Sandler fan, "Funny People" needed funnier people.



'Funny People' Screenings:
Friday: 7 p.m. in Combs 139
Saturday: 10 p.m. in Combs 139
Admission is \$1.

'The Ugly Truth' not so ugly

By KATIE B. O'CONNOR
Staff Writer

Bad boy, uptight girl. This is the formula for at least half of the romantic comedies that have come out in the past two years. Think of anything Matthew McConaughey has been in recently. The formula exists because it works, as long as it gets tweaked just the tiniest bit every time. And in "The Ugly Truth," starring Katherine Heigl and Gerard Butler, it most certainly is a success.

Butler plays Mike Chadway, a crass television call-in show host who claims to tell the truth about men and love. Heigl portrays Abby Richter, a repressed morning talk show producer who is forced to hire Mike to increase her ratings. Similar to her role in "Knocked Up," Heigl's character is someone who needs an unusual man to turn her thinking around. Mike and Abby's sexually charged "we're too different to be lovers, let's just be friends who hate each other" friendship is the main theme of the film while Mike helps Abby win her hot neighbor, Colin (Eric Winter).

Abby learns what guys "really" want: girls who have long hair, wear sexy underwear, and play hard to get. Um... duh, that's why salons, Victoria's Secret, and Dr. Ruth are still in business. But lo and behold! The plucky, neurotic

Abby realizes that being a fantasy 24/7 isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Butler and Heigl have great chemistry on screen, hurling barbs at each other with perfect timing. After seeing Butler play the kind-hearted, boring good-guy for so long, it's a nice change to watch him stretch his legs by playing a real bastard (think Hugh Grant playing the slimy Daniel Cleaver in "Bridget Jones's Diary"). Heigl allows herself to be goofy as the helplessly frazzled Abby, and her comfort in the role really shines in a particularly wonderful scene involving vibrating panties.

Cheryl Hines and John Michael Higgins (a regular in Christopher Guest's films) are brilliant as Georgia and Larry, the married co-hosts of Abby's morning talk show. The scene where their marital tension comes to a head, in which Mike coaches Larry on air to be a gorilla and dominate his wife, is the most hilarious scene in the film.

The story may be a bit contrived, but Abby's revelatory speech near the end of the film is truly touching. Because in the end, you're going to have more fun being yourself. True, you won't have hopeful suitors banging down your door, but eventually you will find someone who likes you for exactly who you are.

'The Ugly Truth' Screenings:
Thursday: 7 p.m. in the Underground
Friday: 10 p.m. in Combs 139
Saturday: 7 p.m. in Combs 139
Admission is \$1.

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KWELI BRINGS VERBAL THEATRICS TO DODD FOR HOMECOMING SHOW

By RYAN MARR
Staff Writer

When Talib Kweli missed a headlining slot at University at Minnesota last April because of a flight delay, over 500 embittered college students took to the streets to light fires, smash cars, and generally resort to primitive forms of mass destruction. So, naturally, I was a tad disappointed last Saturday night when the hip-hop legend actually showed up to play Giant's Homecoming Extravaganza and was greeted by a seated, barely-filled audience in Dodd. Did I forget to mention that the concert was free?

For some absurd reason, the campus excitement barometer for Talib Kweli, who might just be one of the greatest names in live hip-hop, regis-

tered somewhere between an Underground dance-party and sheer apathy. Blame the lack of publicity, the school's racial demographics or the weather, but those who chose to stay in the comfort of their dorm room missed out on one helluva show.

Unlike last year's Spring Concert Series performer Lupe Fiasco and other radio-friendly rappers, Kweli consistently eschews choruses for never-ending verses that highlight his hyper-enunciated Gatlin-gun flow. Backed by the beat-work of DJ Chaps, Kweli worked the crowd with the poise of a seasoned vet and the energy of a caged animal. Word must have gotten out, too, because only two songs deep into the set, students were crammed into the second floor of Dodd, hands in the air, thumping to the beat like a moving canopy.

Before long, Kweli was inviting students on-stage to break-dance, which led to three audience members taking the stage during various songs only to be quickly escorted off by Kweli. "That's got to be the silliest beat-boying I've ever seen," Kweli joked. "You're going to hurt yourself, and these cops are going to sue me."

Covering everything from his earliest days in "Reflection Eternal" to Kweli classics like "Get By" and "We Got the Beat" to even newer, unreleased material, Kweli never failed to im-

press, whether it be free-styling about "Mary (**** Washington)" or cat-walking over even the trickiest Madlib beats with his trademark staccato flow. By continually inciting the crowd to throw up their hands to the beat, Kweli created a relentless, albeit malodorous energy that kept the crowd bouncing throughout his rather brief one-hour set.

The crowd favorite though was easily "Get 'Em High," a Kweli guest-spot off Kanye West's 2004 album, "The College Dropout," that few audience members, including freshman Giant staff member Charlie Lex, expected to hear. While driving Kweli to Richmond the morning after the show with Giant Senior Co-Chair Claire Capps, Lex told Kweli that he had bet his roommate Kweli wouldn't play "Get 'Em High."

"Aww that was a sucka's bet," Kweli said, laughing. "I always do that song."

The only widespread complaint was directed towards the rainy weather, which caused the show to be moved from the Rugby Field to Dodd Auditorium. Granted, an outdoor venue would have been slightly more conducive to shameless grinding and drunken tomfoolery, but it's hard to gripe about witnessing a hip-hop legend at the top of their game, indoors or outdoors. Especially when it's free.

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Bullet Points

Thursday, October 22

- Bust out your best rhymes and bring them to the Underground at 9 p.m. for a DJ Spin off! Six DJs will have 30 minutes to spin it for a chance to win \$100.

- Studio 155 presents "Reckless" in Studio 115, located in the basement of duPont Hall. The show is free and starts at 7:30 p.m. (see story on page 5)

Friday, October 23

- The Red Flag Campaign Concert gets started in the Underground at 5:30 p.m. Come have your face melted off by Symfonics, One Note Stand, and Nate Master's Jazz Combo. Survivors of relationship violence will be giving testimonials throughout the show.

- Help support the American Cancer Society by coming to the Underground at 8 p.m. when student comedians get behind the microphone as part of Ha-Ha's for Ta-Ta's.

- Comic Steve Hofstetter takes the stage in Great Hall at 8 p.m. (see inset)

- Right after Ha-Ha's for Ta-Ta's, the Underground is hosting Suburban District, a progressive hip-hop band from Richmond.

Brainy Comic Brings A Sharper Brand of Laughs to UMW

By DREW CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

This Friday, Oct. 23, Giant Productions will be hosting comedian Steve Hofstetter at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Hofstetter hails from Queens, New York and has made notable appearances on VH1's Countdown and CBS' Late Show with Craig Ferguson. Hofstetter has also been a writer for Maxim, ESPN and *Sports Illustrated* for Kids as well as having his weekly column "Stand Up Guy" run in *Sports Illustrated*.

As a graduate of Columbia University, Hofstetter brings a definite intellectual edge to his humor that one doesn't get very often in the realm of stand-up comedy. His sharp, well-informed delivery on topics such as American culture, religion and politics are reminiscent of the intellectual satire of such comedic greats as Bill Hicks and George Carlin.

If you are interested in starting your weekend partying off with a little humor or just want to catch a good comedic act, head on over to the Great Hall for the witty, observational satire of Steve Hofstetter.



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Saturday, October 24

- Cheap Seats is showing "The Ugly Truth" in Combs 139 at 7 p.m.

- Karaoke Night is back at the Underground! Starting at 9:30 p.m. come bring your favorite songs and belt it out!

Sunday, October 25

- UMW CKI is hosting a kickball tournament in Ball Circle from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Fredericksburg. Assemble your favorite team of five to six friends and enjoy food and prizes.

- PRISM and the Orpheum Film Club are co-sponsoring a film festival in Great Hall at 8 p.m. (see inset)

Monday, October 26

- Catch some Monday Night Football at The Underground immediately following Bingo at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27

- Come to The Underground at 8 p.m. to see Ryan Little from Tereu-Tereu perform a solo acoustic and vocal set.

- The UMW Lip Sync Contest begins at 7 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium.

Wednesday, October 17

- Visit the Underground at 8 p.m. for a screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Feel free to come dressed as your favorite character from the movie or just come out and enjoy the film.

PR SM Film Fest Aims to Promote Unity

By DAVID GALLAGHER
Staff Writer

PRISM and the Orpheum Film Club will be sponsoring a student film festival this Sunday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. in Great Hall. As part of the GLBTQQIAAP celebration (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Transsexual, Queer, Transfeminist, Intersex, Asexual, Pansexual, and Two-Spirit) also associated with the James Farmer Memorial African American Center. According to the event's organizers, "the festival is intended to promote unity and the celebration of diversity as well as to provide a platform for the voices of the community." The festival will be held in Great Hall at 8 p.m.

night, "Transamerica" and "Were The World Mine." Both films are intended to spread understanding, tolerance and acceptance of the queer community and world-view.

"Transamerica" tells the story of Bree, a pre-operative transgendered woman, saving for a final operation, who finds out she has a son from a previous relationship who has been imprisoned in New York. At the behest of her psychologist, Bree begins a cross-country adventure to find her son.

Timothy, the protagonist of the film "Were the World Mine," is a bullied, openly gay high school student in a small town. After trying out for the school production of "A Midsummer

Night's Dream," Timothy discovers a way to turn his entire homophobic town gay. A musical of gay empowerment ensues.

The films will be followed by a discussion session led by members of PRISM and Orpheum Film Club. Food, drinks and raffle tickets will be available.

The GLBTQQIAAP Celebration will continue next week with a few other events. A question and answer session with PRISM members will be held Monday, a charity meal Wednesday night, and a PRISM Prom the evening of October 31st. Visit the James Farmer Multicultural Website or email umwprism@gmail.com for more details.

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Features



Photos courtesy of Students Helping Honduras

(Right) 12-year-old Glendy Roderiguez who uses her income from the handbags to stay in school.

SHH Bags at Bookstore

Students Helping Honduras have facilitated the sale of handbags that are handmade from chip bags by women in Honduras at the UMW bookstore.

By SARA MARRON
Staff Writer

Through a partnership with the University Bookstore, Students Helping Honduras is supporting women from the communities of Siete De Abril and Villa Soledad in Honduras by selling handmade Eco-Friendly bags.

The bags are made by women of the communities from recycled products, such as chip bags and soda labels, and are sold at prices ranging from \$14.99 to \$29.99.

The revenue from the bags provides income for village women who have trouble affording food, water, medicine and schooling for their families.

The bags also help the environment by minimizing the amount of trash that is burned.

According to Kathy Underwood, retail operations manager at the bookstore, 95% of the net profit goes to SHH. The bookstore takes 5% of the profit for marketing space and labor.

"The bookstore is not profiting, that was not the idea," Underwood said.

Underwood reported that in the month of September, 49 total bags

were sold with a total profit of \$1,050. Of that profit, \$997.51 will return to SHH.

As of Sept. 24, 102 bags were received in a second shipment from Honduras. The first shipment contained 38 bags.

"It's an amazing thing that these students are doing," Underwood said. "It's so inspirational."

Sophomore Ashley Cameron, a U.S. Administrator for SHH, fosters the relationships between SHH and the bookstore.

Working closely with Dr. Humphrey, assistant professor of economics, Cameron assists with marketing ideas, displays, and inventory.

"SHH buys the bags directly from the women," Cameron said "They are handed the money up front so they get it right way. SHH has a deficit until the bags are sold."

Each bag comes with a small insert

containing information about the artisan who created it. These personal stories give brief descriptions about the lives of the fourteen different women who craft the bags.

"The women are

"We are very proud of the women for what they've done and what it has done in Honduras"

—Emerson Ayestas

"

using the money to support their families, to buy food, and get medicine," Cameron said. "One of the girls is only thirteen years old and says all her money is going towards schooling."

The project is also aimed at fostering entrepreneurship and international relationships.

"One woman said that she wants to

branch out into business and is hoping that this project will help her continue to other business ventures," Cameron said.

The project is called Esfuerzo de Amor, meaning Labor of Love. "We want people to know these aren't just some bags that the bookstore is selling, they are really helping to influence people's lives," Cameron said.

According to Emerson Ayestas, President of the Mary Washington SHH chapter, UMW is the first school to offer the sale of these types of products.

"We're one step ahead of the game," Ayestas said. "Hopefully it will turn into something even bigger, in the sense that other schools and universities will be able to buy them."

"We are very proud of the women for what they've done and what it has created in Honduras," Ayestas said. "It has created a new way to do business and a chance for them to become more independent; it's a great cause."

The bags can be purchased at the University Bookstore as well as online at umw.edu/bookstore.

Free Advice For All

Sophomore Evan Butler stands on campus walk offering 'free advice' and conversation.

By CHRISTINA LAMBERT
Staff Writer

Sophomore Evan Butler puts on a pair of cargo shorts, grabs a sign that says "Free Advice," and makes his way to campus walk.

He is eager to help the Mary Washington community and wants to talk to as many people as possible.

Butler, a hard-working biology major, takes time out of his Friday afternoons to offer advice to anyone who seeks it.

He stands on campus walk from 1 to 3 p.m. Although he is usually alone, sometimes his friends keep him company; one of them even stands with a "Free Bad Advice" sign.

Throughout the course of a few hours, Butler gives advice to an estimated 30 people at a time, a mixture of students, professors, and even visiting families.

Parents sometimes approach Butler with questions about the school. However the majority of Butler's clients, who are students, have a wide range of questions.

When a passerby asked him what he gave advice for, Butler said, "Anything! Everything!"

Butler encourages anyone to approach, no matter what his or her situation. "I get a lot of 'what should I do' questions, like 'should I go to class,' 'what should I eat for lunch,' 'what should I do tonight.'"

"A lot of people need relationship advice," Butler said.

A recent question posed to Butler was to think about which faculty member should go on a trip with the radio station to Chicago in a couple of weeks. Fast on his feet, Butler immediately

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THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID....

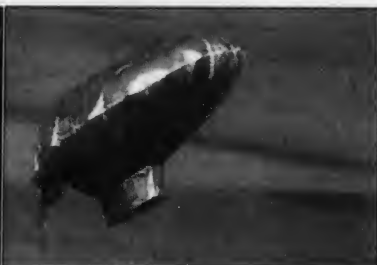
By KAITLIN MAYHEW
Features Editor

As everyone who has been watching any TV lately already knows, the Heene family, or at least the parents will face charges for the alleged "hoax" involving a weather balloon and their six-year-old son Falcon.

To summarize, 911 was called after Richard and his wife Mayumi thought that their son Falcon had climbed into their homemade balloon which had accidentally taken off. Search and rescue teams and newscams alike followed the frightening incident only to find that the boy had been hiding in the attic the whole time. The immense relief of the public was put to an abrupt halt, however, when in a subsequent interview Falcon answered "You guys said...it was for the show," when asked why he didn't come out of hiding earlier. That was strike number one.

Needless to say the police are angry, and looking for revenge. Revenge that is manifesting in criminal charges.

Now, as much as it pains me to actually give more media coverage to



Photos courtesy of google.com

(Left) Six-year-old Falcon Heene. (Right) The homemade balloon he was allegedly inside.

the incident, I can't resist. What a ridiculous stunt. The rumor is that Richard Heene wanted another reality TV show slot and thought that this incident would generate fame for his family. According to *CNN* a friend of Heene's recalls him saying, "How much do you want to bet we could facilitate some sort of a media stunt that would be equally profound as Roswell and we could do so with nothing more than a weather balloon and some controversy?" Robert Thomas, who was

going to assist Heene in his reality TV efforts said, "(Richard) wanted nothing more than to get another reality TV series. He was all about controversy, hoping to whip up something significant enough to eliminate our reality TV competitors." Unfortunately his plans seem to have gone somewhat awry. I believe it's safe to say that was strike number two.

Richard, his wife and three sons previously appeared on the reality TV series "Wife Swap" on Lifetime. The

premise for the series is two very different families switch mothers and the drama that ensues is filmed. Richard was apparently controlling and abusive to his temporary wife. Surprise? I'm certainly not.

The horror of this story is two-sided. Of course, the actual hoax itself was a disgustingly played trick. But the really ugly part is the parenting itself. What are these poor boys supposed to think now? Little Falcon, who was only trying to tell the truth,

has now gotten his parents in years of trouble. And that is besides the fact that Heene told his son to hide in the attic for those reasons in the first place. That is the problem with reality TV. The characters are playing themselves, but no matter how hard they may try to "be real" a persona of some kind is always attached to them. These young impressionable children are being told on these reality shows that they are "themselves" but then being told how to act.

The worst part of the whole situation is that in a way, Heene has gotten what he wanted. This story was on every news network and TV in the country. Many people now know the name Richard Heene, and although it has a negative connotation, I doubt those people will soon forget it. There is a power and permanence in infamy that can in some cases outdo fame. All one has to do is glance at the tabloids to see that people thrive on shock, awe, and incredulity.

Features

'Korean Thanksgiving' Celebrated



Photos courtesy of Jiwon Youm

The students from the Korean exchange student program threw a 'Chusok' or Korean Day celebration in the Red Room on Oct. 5.

The exchange program director, Esther Yook, and students Jiyoung Kim and Chaerin Jung led the event. The attendees played Korean games and ate traditional dishes like rice cakes, Kimbap, Jobchae, Dheokbok-i, and more. There were also presentations about Chusok which according to exchange student Jiwon Youm is a big holiday in Korea, like Thanksgiving in the U.S.

"This day is for celebrating a rich harvest in fall," he said.

This was the third Chusok the Korean Exchange Program has thrown, and Youm believes there will be one next year as well. All are welcome to attend this traditional Korean celebration and enjoy good food, games, dancing, crafts, and activities.



Photo by Christina Lambert

Butler's Advice is Free

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diately chose Steven Davies, a computer science professor who has a beard and reminds him of Jim Carrey.

In the seven weeks since Butler started giving free advice, hundreds of community members and visitors have taken advice from him. Some have even come back for more advice, and Butler welcomes this.

"It's turned out great so far. I'll definitely continue, even when the weather changes. I will always be outdoors, never indoors," said Butler. "I'll never charge."

Butler just wants to help people.

"What happened to good old-fashioned personal interaction?" Butler said.

Butler thinks there is too much tex-

ting and Internet use that hinders face-to-face contact. He wants to help restore open communication by taking the time to really get to know people.

What happened to good old-fashioned personal interaction?

—Evan Butler

"Some people come up to me and we end up talking for like an hour. It's a great way to make new friends," said Butler. "Some people come up to me and introduce themselves. I'm generally easy to talk to."

Having in-depth conversations with

people also helps Butler give better advice.

"I always try and ask questions. It's from their perspective and I always listen," said Butler. "If they ask I'll give them a hug."

Butler has faced some tough questions. His hardest question yet was when someone asked him "How do we know we exist?"

Butler explained that we exist in different forms over time. But after having time to think it over, Butler said, "She should ask me for advice again because I have a better answer now."

After seven weeks on the job Butler already has big plans for the future, such as his own free advice radio show and a free advice hotline. In the short run, he still plans to continue standing outside and listening to whoever wants to talk with him.

(Left) Evan Butler, a sophomore biology major poses on campus with his famous "Free Advice" sign.

Russian Spaghetti: International Made Easy

Dorm Dining

With Beverly Scholnick

A friend of mine prepared this dish for me when I visited her in Russia. This sweet and creamy pasta is a delicious international meal, and best of all, it's simple and inexpensive to make.

Ingredients:

2 1/2 cups cooked spaghetti 1 Tbs mayonnaise
1 Tbs butter 1 Tbs sugar
1 slice of white bread Salt

Number of Servings: 2

Average Price Per Serving: 75¢

Directions:

1. Prepare spaghetti and set aside in a pot or mixing bowl.
2. In a pan, melt 1/2 Tbs butter and add the slice of bread. Cook for 2-3 minutes or until golden brown underneath. Add the remaining butter to the pan and flip the bread onto the butter to cook the other side. Cook until golden brown and remove. Set aside and allow to cool.
3. Add sugar and mayonnaise to spaghetti and mix until spaghetti is evenly coated.
4. Once bread is cool, fold it in half and shred it with a cheese grater. (If you don't have a cheese grater you may cut or tear the bread into large crumbs manually)
5. Mix shredded bread crumbs into the pasta.
6. Add salt to taste.
7. Serve and enjoy!



News

Outside the Fence



By HEATHER BRADY
Staff Writer

Regional

Ulisa Chavers, who was charged with concealing her boyfriend's body in a well, pleaded guilty to four charges this morning. The Louisa County woman was convicted of concealing a dead body, identity theft, fraud and possession of a sawed-off shotgun. She faces up to 25 years in prison. She told authorities she didn't know what happened to her boyfriend. She told her attorney that she thought he had a heart attack and that she found him on the floor. She has no prior criminal record. Sentencing will be Jan. 25 in Louisa Circuit Court. (*The Free Lance-Star*, Oct. 21; www.fredericksburg.com)

National

The House Judiciary Committee voted Wednesday to strip federal antitrust protections shielding health insurers from investigations into price fixing and other business practices. This is the first step in a legislative bid to clamp down on the much-maligned industry. Although Democrats have led the repeal push in recent weeks, the committee's 20-9 vote came with the support of three Republicans. The legislation would repeal portions of the 1945 McCarran-Ferguson Act that allows states to regulate health insurance providers without federal intervention. But critics of the law say that 64 years after its passage, the result has been regional monopolies that inflate premiums and discriminate against people based on their health status, gender, and other factors. Repeal advocates said they would seek to include language similar to what passed in the health-care reform bills now moving through the House and Senate, although the legislation also could move separately. The three Republicans who voted for the House Judiciary bill include Rep. Dan Lundgren, the former California attorney general; Rep. Louis Gohmert (Tex.), a former judge; and Rep. Gregg Harper (Miss.), a former prosecutor. (*The Washington Post*, Oct. 21; www.washingtonpost.com)

Global

The runner-up in Afghanistan's election agreed on Wednesday to a second round of voting, a day after President Hamid Karzai conceded that widespread fraud erased his first-round majority. But aides to former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, and others in Afghanistan, acknowledged daunting obstacles remain to prepare for a Nov. 7 vote — including the possibility of Taliban intimidation or violence, and the challenge of finding sufficient numbers of poll monitors untainted by the fraud allegations in the original vote. Some people still believe a power-sharing arrangement might be reached between Karzai and Abdullah that could eliminate the need for a runoff vote, even though Karzai and others have denied such a possibility. Abdullah said at a news conference in his garden in Kabul that he was not under any pressure from the United States or others to reach such a compromise. (*The Washington Post*, Oct. 21; www.washingtonpost.com)

Internet Problems Frustrate Students

By EMILY MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

Students on campus are struggling with wireless Internet connections, to the point that it delays their ability to do homework.

Freshman Sarah Vogt often cannot get assignments that teachers have posted online due to her Internet problems.

"The wireless connection in my room is rarely good," Vogt said, who lives in a corner room in Alvey Hall. "I usually have to go somewhere else to get a good connection."

Most issues with the wireless network are because of the distance between a user and access point, according to UMW's Apogee Support Technician Joe McMahon.

Junior John Roeser and junior Karen Ellrod also live far from the center of their buildings and have experienced internet problems similar to Vogt.

Ellrod, who lives at the end of a hall in Randolph Hall, said that it often takes so long to load pages that the connection times out.

"Sometimes I inexplicably drop off the network and have to reconnect, even though the network tells me I still have five bars," she said.

All three students reported that their connection improves when they go to a more central point in the building, where Internet access points are located.

Wireless internet connection problems, which many students deal with daily, can be fixed by reporting the problem, according to McMahon.

"Anybody having trouble connecting to the wireless network should contact Apogee's 24-hour support number," Apogee spokesman Nat Nealeigh said. He added that they can then determine the problem and work on fixing it by installing

an additional router.

However, Roeser said that even after Apogee put a router in his room his connection barely improved.

"If his problem persists, it could be due to any number of issues from individual computer configuration to changing environmental factors," Nealeigh said. "For example, interferences from devices in adjoining rooms."

Nealeigh said that wireless connection is not a widespread problem and the most affected students are in end rooms, like Vogt, Roeser and Ellrod. He also said that the problems were not there last semester.

"While a similar number of students may arrive on campus from one semester to the next, changes in computer types, configuration, operating systems, drivers, hardware, external devices, etc. create a changing environment," Nealeigh said.

Different materials can obstruct wireless signal, according to McMahon, and without student feedback Apogee won't be aware of the problem areas.

"It's important for residents to call in to let us know they are having a problem," he said. "We prefer not entering a room to increase wireless coverage unless an open work order exists for the resident, with a scheduled appointment time."

Nealeigh suggests students take advantage of wired connections until their wireless connection is improved, although Ellrod said that her connection does not always improve when she is plugged in.

Apogee's 24-hour service and support line is 1-877-478-8808.

"Since responding to student feedback directed to our call center, we've seen a significant decrease in the number of students experiencing problems," Nealeigh said.

Young Democrats Host Deeds

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need-based financial aid," Deeds said. "We're going to increase the size of tax grants for students going to private schools. And we're going to create tuition stabilization funds when we get to the point where we have surplus funds again."

"I know that he's used to having to see how much tuition goes up," said Gus Deeds, Creigh Deeds' son and a student at the College of William and Mary. "He's seen it over six years. Last year I got nothing but e-mails about budget cuts from the president of William and Mary. When I'm talking to students about education, I tell them [that] if Mr. McDonnell gets elected, you're going to get more emails about budget cuts."

Labor unions, including the IUPAT (International Union of Painters and Allied Trades), the Insulators Union, and the Plasterers and Cement Union were represented at the rally in large numbers.

George Galis, an IUPAT member, said he supports Deeds for governor because of his stance on job creation and Deeds' personal background.

"We think that on the issues for the working families of Virginia, he's in the right place," Galis said. "Tax incentives, creating jobs. We're all about jobs. If you look at his background, he comes from a working family."

In addition to labor union attendees, many Mary Washington students were also present.

"What I was really impressed by with all three candidates was their goals about moving Virginia forward," junior Lindsay Meredith said. "That's what I want to see happen and I think these three can do it."

Meredith said she particularly liked Deeds' attention to southwest Virginia, where she's from, and his work in the area of education.

"He has a really good education record," Meredith said. "As a student, I think he'll pay attention to [education]. He's endorsed by the Virginia Education Association. I hope he pays attention to financing scholarships and tuition as a state school."

Junior Claire Tuley said that she was impressed with all of the candidates at the rally, including Deeds.



Heather Brady and Eric Steigleder/Bullet

Rene Lazo and his son William Alexander Lazo, 7 yrs. old, from Fredericksburg, attended the rally in Lee Hall on Saturday.

"I really enjoyed Deeds' speech because he seemed really focused on bipartisanship and working towards goals that are important for Virginia, especially schools and transportation," Tuley said. "It's not just putting money into education. I think he'll put time into the health and safety of students, which is important."

Deeds said that Virginia needs to re-examine its relationship with higher education.

"It's obvious that the system has become

more exclusive," Deeds said to the *Bullet*. "We have to take dramatic steps to control the cost of tuition."

Deeds said that with the price escalation of tuition, Virginia is in danger of pricing many individuals out of the higher education system.

"If we don't demand the right things from government, we get what we deserve," he added. "It's their government. It's as simple as that."

Department Of History Gets Denied Tenured Professor

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termine where the cuts would be the least detrimental...nothing about the current situation will be compromising the quality of education," Harper said.

As adjuncts do not carry all of the same responsibilities as those holding a permanent position, Harper said there can be drawbacks to hiring these temporary staff members, despite the smaller salary the university is required to pay.

"They just don't have the same connection with the university...we have many long time adjuncts that think well of the college, but they still don't have that connection," Harper said.

While McClurken said that they will be able to function for the upcoming year with the adjunct professor, but if the department continues having to keep replacing adjunct professors, they may run into problems.

"We're not able to give a temporary [professor] the same responsibilities...we're not going to have them deal with advising issues," McClurken said.

Until a tenured professor is secured, other department faculty members will have to take on the extra workload in order to make up for the difference in staffing.

Harper said he doesn't expect to see the state's cuts going away anytime soon. As the university receives almost 25 percent of its total operating costs from the state, more cuts are going to continue to take a toll on the university.

"Many states are withholding support for higher education, forcing more and more public schools to perform like private institutions," Harper said.

In addition to the university being forced to depend more on outside resources for operating costs, student tuition will like go up slightly in the years to come, according to Harper. He said this is because the amount of money UMW receives from the government is meant to offset the difference in operating costs and money the university receives from student tuition.

"I have no idea what tuition increase will be at this time," Harper said. "I cannot say they will be substantial or not...we gotta pay the bills just like everyone else."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 23:

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October 27:

"Helping Hands Across America" Poster Party! - 5 PM in the Dome Room at Seacobeck. Help us make posters for the upcoming food drive, and learn how you can win a **FREE PIZZA PARTY** for your club, team or residence hall!

October 29:

Pumpkin Carving Contest! 3 PM - 5 PM in Ball Circle.

(Rain location: Dome Room at Seacobeck). Free hot cider for carvers and spectators! Come watch the fun! (If you didn't sign up for a pumpkin but would like to carve, check in with us at 3:15 PM to see if we have unclaimed pumpkins!)

October 30:

Costume Contest! All Day at the Eagle's Nest! Come to the Eagle's Nest in costume & enter the contest. Best costume will win a prize! Details at the Nest.



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Sports



Get Your Fantasy Football Fix

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DEF- New England Patriots: You were advised to grab the Patriots defense up last week and if you did you should feel comfortable to start them again this week against a ghastly Buccaneers offense that ranks 28th in the NFL in total offense.

Sit Em:

QB- Donovan McNabb (Eagles): The Raiders? That's who McNabb and the Eagles lost to in Week 6? That seems almost unfathomable. What seems crazier is that against the NFL's 28th ranked run defense, Philadelphia head coach Andy Reid only ran the ball only 14 times and only 6 of those were to hisstar RB Brian Westbrook. McNabb was erratic completing just 22 of 46 pass attempts for 268 yards and no TDs. 46 passes to 14 runs in a close 13-9 loss? That is simply terrible balance on offense and just bad coaching. With the Washington Redskins and their 3rd ranked pass defense on tap this week, look for Reid to reestablish the running game and for McNabb to have a quiet game.

RB- Marshawn Lynch (Bills): The matchup seems favorable for Lynch as the Bills face a Panthers team that ranks 29th in the league against the run. However, Lynch is still conceding carries to RB Fred Jackson and with starting QB Trent Edwards doubtful for Sunday's game, look for Carolina to stack the box to stuff the run and make Buffalo's backup QB Ryan Fitzpatrick beat them through the air.

RB- Brandon Jacobs (Giants): Jacobs was a beast last year and a touchdown machine as he crossed the goal line 15 times. But this year Jacobs hasn't been able to get it done as he has just 1 TD on the season and he has squandered many goal line opportunities for scores. His failures have even given way to backup RB Ahmad Bradshaw stealing some goal-line and red-zone carries from him. This week he faces a Cardinals defense that has yet to allow a 70-yard rusher this season and has shut down the likes of Maurice Jones-Drew and Frank Gore. Jacobs may break out of his funk this year, but it seems unlikely that this will be the week he turns it around.

WR- Braylon Edwards (Jets): Edwards was impressive in his debut with the Jets two weeks ago. But last week against the Bills

Edwards had as many tackles as catches after regulation (2) and while he got one more catch in overtime, three catches is nothing to write home about. This week New York will travel to Oakland, which means Edwards will have to face the Raiders shut down corner Nnamdi Asomugha. Meanwhile, the Jets offense will most likely try to take some pressure off their struggling rookie QB Mark Sanchez, which means fewer pass attempts this week. So look for a steady diet of Thomas Jones in this game as he is coming off a 200 yard rushing day and the Raiders have one of the worst run defenses in the league.

WR- Santana Moss (Redskins): Almost half of Moss's receiving yards this

year came in one game against Detroit. He is currently coming off a 1 catch performance despite facing one of the NFL's worst pass defenses and the Redskins are in the midst of changing play-callers. QB Jason Campbell is back at the helm after being benched at half-



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Jets RB Leon Washington had a very strong performance last week and with the Bucs on the schedule he has a good chance to produce again.

time last week and it's unclear how he'll respond. What has been clear is Campbell's inconsistency in connecting on the deep ball and Washington faces a tough Eagles pass D this week. There are too many questions in Washington and Moss is just an unreliable play right now.

WR- Steve Smith (Panthers): While the Giants Steve Smith has prospered in the early going this season, the Panthers Steve Smith has struggled. He himself declared that he's "no longer an asset" to the Panthers. That's a little much as his numbers aren't so much a reflection of his talent as they are a reflection of who is throwing him the ball. Carolina faces Buffalo this week, and the Bills happen to have the NFL's 4th best pass defense, which means that things still aren't looking up for the Panthers top WR.

TE- Zach Miller (Raiders): Don't be fooled by Miller's huge game against the Eagles. Miller is very talented, but he is still incredibly unreliable for fantasy purposes because his QB is still Jamaricus Russell. Don't expect anywhere near the 139 yards and a TD this week against the Jets.

K- Robbie Gould (Bears): The Chicago kicker is still one of the best in the league, but he isn't getting enough chances. He has only made six field goals this year, but then again he has only had seven tries. With the Bears facing a stout Bengals defense that is looking to rebound from a bad showing against Houston this past week, Gould may find himself short of chances to make an impact once again.

DEF- New York Giants: The Giants defense was pasted by Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints in Week 6 and they face yet another high powered offense this week when Arizona comes to town. Find a better option out on the waiver wire, because the Giants D will overwhelm this week.

Add Em:

QB- Shaun Hill (49ers): Hill hasn't been stellar this year, but he has had three solid fantasy outings. San Francisco RB Frank Gore will be playing in first game back from injury so his effectiveness may be limited and the Texans do rank 19th in the NFL in pass defense. If your regular QB is off this week and you don't have a reliable backup, take a look at Hill to fill in for a week.

RB- Laurence Maroney (Patriots): New England's backfield has been riddled with injuries and now the former first round pick is back in command of the majority of the carries. Maroney broke out for 123 yards and a TD last week and in Week 7 he faces a Tampa

Bay defense that allowed 267 rushing yards and 3 TD's last week.

RB- Leon Washington (Jets): The New York speedster has been getting dropped by many lately and if someone in your league made that mistake, then go gobble Washington up. He is coming off his best performance of the season in which he totaled 99 yards rushing and another 46 yards receiving. Not only that, but this week he faces the 28th run defense of the Oakland Raiders and with the Jets looking to protect their struggling young QB, more screens and dump offs to Washington in open space could be on tap.

WR- Sidney Rice (Vikings): Rice has quickly become one of QB Brett Favre's favorite targets. In his last four games, Rice has 18 catches for 363 yards and 2 TDs. He isn't a great add for this week against a strong Pittsburgh defense, but for the long term Rice has a chance to really produce.

WR- Hakim Nicks (Giants): Nicks has produced when he's been healthy and out on the field. The Giants are going to need to redeem themselves following a tough loss and will look to take advantage of a bad Arizona pass defense that was masked last week by a banged up Seahawks offensive line.

TE- Visanthe Shiancoe (Vikings): Shiancoe has been a big time target for veteran QB Brett Favre and while he hasn't posted tons of yards, he has put up 5 TDs on the season. This makes adding the Viking TE a bit of a risk because if he doesn't get a TD he won't make up for it in yards, but Favre has now shown that he likes to look for Shiancoe's 6'4 target in the red zone.

K- Matt Stover (Colts): The veteran kicker was signed after the regular Indianapolis kicker Adam Vinatieri had to have surgery and is out 6 weeks. Stover gets a nice first matchup against the winless Rams and the Colts offense should put up big point totals and give Stover numerous scoring chances.

DEF- Indianapolis Colts: The Colts defense has been gone mostly unnoticed early on. Their 5-0 start has been credited to the great play of Peyton Manning and the offense, and while that side of the ball has been terrific, the defense for Indianapolis has been sur-



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This year the Dallas Cowboys opened a new 1.2 billion dollar stadium and this week it will be the host of one of the top NFL games.

prisingly effective as well. The team ranks ninth in the NFL in pass defense and 14th against the run and this week they face a St. Louis offense that is averaging a league worst 9 points per game. (Funny Note: The New England Patriots scored 59 points in Week 6 against the Tennessee Titans; meanwhile the Rams have scored 54 points combined in their six games this year)

Last Week: 10-10

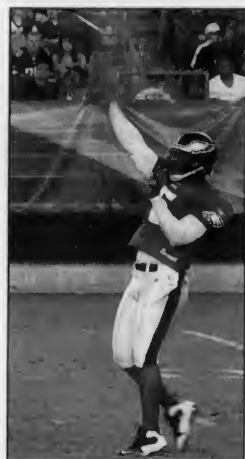
Overall Record: 45-40

NFL Games of the Week:

Minnesota Vikings vs. Pittsburgh Steelers (1 p.m. on FOX)

Atlanta Falcons vs. Dallas Cowboys (4:15 p.m. on FOX)

Arizona Cardinals vs. New York Giants (8:20 p.m. on NBC)



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Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb is a top flight quarterback, but with a tough matchup this week he is likely to disappoint fantasy owners.

UMW Scoreboard

Sports Scores From The Past Week

Volleyball:

W 3-0 (25-23, 25-22, 25-13) vs. Stevenson

University

L 1-3 (25-13, 25-21, 13-25, 25-19) vs. North

Carolina Wesleyan College

Men's Soccer:

W 9-0 vs. Gallaudet University

T 0-0 vs. York College of Pennsylvania

Women's Soccer:

W 1-0 vs. Methodist University

Field Hockey:

W 10-0 vs. Sweet Briar College

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Men's Soccer Ties York

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This past Saturday, the UMW men's soccer team faced off against York College of Pennsylvania for their much anticipated Homecoming game at the Battleground Complex in Fredricksburg.

York College was greeted by hundreds of enthusiastic and energetic Eagle fans. "The fans were great...vocal and supportive - despite the weather...the support and excitement were as good as ever," commented Head Coach Roy Gordon.

The game saw many quality shots made by both teams but the final score came to 0-0 leaving UMW in first place among the Capital Athletic Conference Standings. The York Spartans out shot the Eagles, 15-11. Emmett Rutkowski made seven saves for the Eagles, while York's Ryan Hock made two stops.

Coming into Saturday's game, the UMW men's team knew they had a challenge ahead going up against one of the nation's best. "The team had a great effort and played a terrific game against one of the top Division III teams in the country. Remember, York has lost only one game since sometime during the 2007 season," said Coach Gordon.

A main concern that the UMW men had was York's top notch offensive squad including what some might say is the best player in the nation among DIII teams, Jon Ports. Nevertheless, the Eagle men were able to shut down all attempts to the UMW net with key efforts from impressive defensive teamwork.

"We did a great job defending their midfielders and forwards,



Courtesy of Clint Otten

The men's soccer team tied their homecoming game against York College on Saturday 0-0. The team's record is now 10-4-1 overall and 5-0-1 in the Capital Athletic Conference.

who are the best front six in the nation," said senior co-captain Emmett Rutkowski.

Among the Mary Washington defense, Goal Keeper Emmett Rutkowski was honored as the CAC Player of the Week for his decisive saves.

"Emmett really deserved the honor; he played amazing throughout the York game and has played well all season. I've played with Emmett since we were 8 years old and he is playing his best soccer

this year without question," commented senior co-captain Matt Lawrey.

However, despite Rutkowski's key contributions, he couldn't take all the credit for the honor. "I wish our team defensively could be honored as a whole instead of me individually. We have played so well as a unit in the second half of the season that I hope more players become recognized for their stellar performances," said Rutkowski.

Other teammates who had great games included Jae Park, Peter Toohey, Justin Weirich, Ryan Taibl, John Tarley, Duke Mensah-Abram-pah and Matt Poole.

With one more game before the CAC conference tournament, the UMW men are finding themselves at a great position to capture the CAC title.

"This year it is tighter than ever with all three teams [York, Salisbury, and UMW] still currently undefeated in the CAC. I think all teams have an equal chance of winning the title this year and it will come down to execution in the postseason. All teams know that home field advantage is important," said senior co-captain Peter Toohey.

"It's in our hands," added Lawrey.

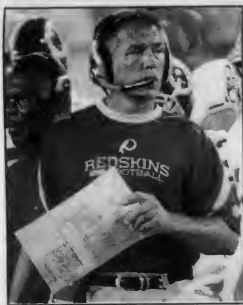
Overall, the soccer team had a terrific game and saw this past weekend as an outstanding homecoming success.

"The atmosphere during the homecoming weekend was extremely enjoyable as there were many people at all of the fun activities leading up to the game...It was great to see a loud and chanting crowd and it's such a great feeling playing such an impact game in front of a large crowd. We can only thank the fans and their support for that," said Rutkowski.

The Eagle men's next game is this Saturday, Oct. 24 at Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD.

Done In D.C.?

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Courtesy of the Associated Press

Redskins head coach Jim Zorn has lost his playcalling duties and may not remain the as the Washington head coach much longer.

On Oct. 6 of this year, the Washington Redskins brought in Sherman Lewis to be a "consultant" for the team's offense. Executive vice president for football operations Vinny Cerrato told reporters that, "Nothing changes. Jim's (Zorn) still calling plays. Everybody's still doing what they're doing. It's just a fresh set of eyes."

But following the Redskins 14-6 loss to the previously winless Chiefs this past Sunday, something did change as head coach Jim Zorn was stripped of his play-calling duties and that responsibility was handed to Lewis. What may be worse for Zorn is that the Redskins front office has lost so much faith in him that they feel more comfortable in place who has experience with the West Coast offense and can call the plays should Zorn be let go.

It was previously stated by this reporter that it seemed highly unlikely that Zorn would be fired mid-season. However, the acquisition of Lewis makes this possible as owner Dan Snyder now has someone in place who has experience with the West Coast offense and can call the plays should Zorn be let go.

The team could then appoint the defensive coordinator Greg Blatche as the interim head coach and have him continue to run the defense while Lewis could take over as

the quarterback's coach on top of the play-calling duties he has already been assigned.

This would allow Washington to do the inevitable and cut Zorn loose now as it has become clear that he is basically a lame-duck coach that won't be returning after this season anyway. Unlike in baseball or basketball, letting a coach go in football mid-season rarely works out for that team in that season. But the Redskins may have realized that they aren't going anywhere regardless of who is at the helm, as they are currently 2-3 despite having one of the easiest NFL schedules to this point.

It has been clear for some time that Zorn would be done in Washington when the season came to a close. But now it appears that if the Redskins were to fall to the Philadelphia Eagles in Week 7 on Monday Night Football, that Zorn could be fired following that contest and management could put the new pieces in place as the team heads into their bye week.

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Jamison Injured

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Washington Wizards' Forward Antawn Jamison suffered a shoulder injury in the team's preseason game on Oct. 15 against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Wizards are hoping that Jamison will not need surgery on the shoulder, but he has been shut down for the rest of the preseason and his status for the team's regular season opener on Nov. 3 is unknown.

Jamison has been an integral part of the Wizard's since his arrival to the team in 2004. Last season Jamison was named as an Eastern Conference All-Star as he averaged 22.2 points, 8.9 rebounds, 1.9 assists, 1.2 steals, while shooting 75.4 percent from the line and 46.8 percent from the field.

While it is being reported that Jamison's injury is not too serious, it is not a good sign for Wizards fans who have had to deal with the injuries of star PG Gilbert Arenas the past two years.

Washington basketball fans feel that if Arenas, Jamison, and forward Caron Butler can all stay healthy, that the Wizards can be a playoff team and be a dangerous team if they get in. However, with Jamison already going down, things are already not looking good for those playoff hopes.



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Strasburg Impresses

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from the 2009 MLB draft and what some have claimed to be the possible "savior" for the Washington Nationals was very impressive in his Arizona Fall League debut.

The Nationals gave Strasburg a 50-pitch limit in his first appearance in the league and that got him through 3 1/3 innings. The youngster surrendered just two hits and one walk as he gave up no runs and earned the win in the outing.

Washington's top prospect reportedly threw 32 of his 50 pitches for strikes and his fastball touched 99 MPH on a couple of occasions.

"It was a great feeling. I was extremely excited to go out there," Strasburg said.

While Strasburg may have been excited for his Fall League debut, it is nothing to what the excitement is in Washington for the 21-year-old fireballer's MLB debut, as fans hope that the promising pitcher can blossom into one of the league's best and lead the Nationals back to respectability and give the team hope for the future.

Fantasy Football Corner

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Start Em:

QB- Matt Ryan (Falcons): I was a doubter of the Falcons coming into the season because I thought their dream season last year was more a result of an easy schedule than anything else. But the young Atlanta QB has shut me up with his great play and he has lead the Falcons to a 4-1 start despite a tough schedule. Ryan gets to face a Cowboys defense that has allowed over 250 passing yards and 8 TDs to opposing QB's in 5 games this year, so look for him to continue to his hot start.

RB- Joseph Addai (Colts): Addai has rushed for only 210 yards with a 3.4 avg. this year. However, he also has 153 yards receiving and 4 total TD's. In a PPR format he has been even better with 26 catches, already surpassing his total catches from a year ago. With a dreadful Rams team on the schedule this week, look for Addai to get his share of what should be a fruitful fantasy day for most of Indianapolis' offensive weapons.

RB- Jonathan Stewart (Panthers): Stewart tore up a very bad Tampa Bay run defense a week ago as he went for 110 yards and a TD and the Panthers as a whole rushed for 267 yards. In Week 7 he will face a Bills defense that is coming off a game in which they surrendered 318 rushing yards to the Jets. 318. Much like



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Hines Ward (center) is the surprising NFL leader in receiving yards. The veteran wide-out has 599 yards in six games this year.

duced as even a top 15 tight end. However, coming off a bye week, look for the Cowboys to make a concerted effort to get their talented tight end more involved.

K- Nate Kaeding (Chargers): Kaeding has been remarkably accurate in his career, connecting on 86 percent of his field goal opportunities. Don't let the Chiefs win against a Redskins team in disarray fool you, they are still a really bad team so there should be no shortage of opportunities for Kaeding this week.

last week, there will be plenty of yards and TD's for both Stewart and running mate DeAngelo Williams.

WR- Steve Smith (Giants): The emerging Giants wideout has been silenced in recent weeks, but look for that to end in Week 7 with a matchup against a terrible Arizona pass defense that still ranks 31st in the NFL despite shutting down the Seahawks last week. Eli Manning and the Giants will rebound from a bad game in New Orleans and should put up plenty of points on the Cardinals D in the Meadowlands.

WR- Hines Ward (Steelers): The veteran Pittsburgh WR leads the NFL in receiving yards through six weeks and his worst performance of the year wasn't terrible (6 catches for 57 yards). Three of his biggest outings have come against some of the worst pass defenses in the league, but that's no worry this week as the Steelers take on the Vikings and their 24th ranked pass defense.

TE- Jason Witten (Cowboys): Witten was widely considered to be the top option for tight end in fantasy football entering the season, yet he hasn't produced as much as expected.

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